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beta_hat	<i>Create a vector of coefficients from the mediator model (mreg)</i>
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Description

This function extracts `coef` from `mreg_fit` and pads with zeros appropriately to create a named vector consistently having the following elements: (Intercept) avar cvar: This part is eliminated when `cvar = NULL`.

Usage

```
beta_hat(mreg, mreg_fit, avar, cvar)
```

Arguments

mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
mreg_fit	Model fit object for mreg (mediator model).
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between mvar and yvar.

Value

A named numeric vector of coefficients.

calc_myreg	<i>Return mediation analysis functions given mediator and outcome models.</i>
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Description

This function returns functions that can be used to calculate the causal effect measures, given the mediator model fit (mreg_fit) and the outcome model fit (yreg_fit).

Usage

```
calc_myreg(mreg, mreg_fit, yreg, yreg_fit, avar, mvar, cvar, interaction)
```

Arguments

mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
mreg_fit	Model fit from fit_mreg
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
yreg_fit	Model fit from fit_yreg
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between mvar and yvar.
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

Value

A list containing two functions. The first is for calculating point estimates. The second is for calculating the corresponding

 calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_linear

Create calculators for effects and se (mreg linear / yreg linear)

Description

Construct functions for the conditional effect estimates and their standard errors in the mreg linear / yreg linear setting. Internally, this function deconstruct model objects and feed parameter estimates to the internal worker functions `calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_linear_est` and `calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_linear_se`.

Usage

```
calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_linear(
  mreg,
  mreg_fit,
  yreg,
  yreg_fit,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  interaction
)
```

Arguments

<code>mreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
<code>mreg_fit</code>	Model fit from fit_mreg
<code>yreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
<code>yreg_fit</code>	Model fit from fit_yreg
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
<code>mvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
<code>cvar</code>	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>mvar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .
<code>interaction</code>	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

Value

A list containing a function for effect estimates and a function for corresponding standard errors.

 calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_logistic

Create calculators for effects and se (mreg linear / yreg logistic)

Description

Construct functions for the conditional effect estimates and their standard errors in the mreg linear / yreg logistic setting. Internally, this function deconstruct model objects and feed parameter estimates to the internal worker functions `calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_logistic_est` and `calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_logistic_se`.

Usage

```
calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_logistic(
  mreg,
  mreg_fit,
  yreg,
  yreg_fit,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  interaction
)
```

Arguments

<code>mreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
<code>mreg_fit</code>	Model fit from fit_mreg
<code>yreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
<code>yreg_fit</code>	Model fit from fit_yreg
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
<code>mvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
<code>cvar</code>	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>mvar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .
<code>interaction</code>	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

Value

A list containing a function for effect estimates and a function for corresponding standard errors.

 calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_linear

Create calculators for effects and se (mreg logistic / yreg linear)

Description

Construct functions for the conditional effect estimates and their standard errors in the mreg logistic / yreg linear setting. Internally, this function deconstruct model objects and feed parameter estimates to the internal worker functions `calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_linear_est` and `calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_linear_se`.

Usage

```
calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_linear(
  mreg,
  mreg_fit,
  yreg,
  yreg_fit,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  interaction
)
```

Arguments

<code>mreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
<code>mreg_fit</code>	Model fit from fit_mreg
<code>yreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
<code>yreg_fit</code>	Model fit from fit_yreg
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
<code>mvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
<code>cvar</code>	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>mvar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .
<code>interaction</code>	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

Value

A list containing a function for effect estimates and a function for corresponding standard errors.

 calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_logistic

Create calculators for effects and se (mreg logistic / yreg logistic)

Description

Construct functions for the conditional effect estimates and their standard errors in the mreg logistic / yreg logistic setting. Internally, this function deconstruct model objects and feed parameter estimates to the internal worker functions `calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_logistic_est` and `calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_logistic_se`.

Usage

```
calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_logistic(
  mreg,
  mreg_fit,
  yreg,
  yreg_fit,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  interaction
)
```

Arguments

<code>mreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
<code>mreg_fit</code>	Model fit from fit_mreg
<code>yreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
<code>yreg_fit</code>	Model fit from fit_yreg
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
<code>mvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
<code>cvar</code>	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>mvar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .
<code>interaction</code>	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

Value

A list containing a function for effect estimates and a function for corresponding standard errors.

coef.regmedint *Extract point estimates.*

Description

Extract point estimates evaluated at a_0 , a_1 , m_cde , and c_cond .

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
coef(object, a0 = NULL, a1 = NULL, m_cde = NULL, c_cond = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object of the <code>regmedint</code> class.
a_0	A numeric vector of length one.
a_1	A numeric vector of length one.
m_cde	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to <code>regmedint</code> will be used. Only the CDE is affected.
c_cond	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
...	For compatibility with the generic. Ignored.

Value

A numeric vector of point estimates.

Examples

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
```



```
                                yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
                                ## Additional specification
                                interaction = TRUE,
                                casecontrol = FALSE)

coef(regmedint_obj)
## Evaluate at different values
coef(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)
```

```
coef.summary_regmedint
```

Extract the result matrix from a summary_regmedint object.

Description

Extract the result matrix from a summary_regmedint object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary_regmedint'
coef(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object with a class of summary_regmedint.
...	For compatibility with the generic.

Value

A matrix populated with results.

Examples

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
                           ## Variables
                           yvar = "y",
                           avar = "x",
                           mvar = "m",
                           cvar = c("c"),
                           eventvar = "event",
                           ## Values at which effects are evaluated
                           a0 = 0,
                           a1 = 1,
                           m_cde = 1,
                           c_cond = 0.5,
                           ## Model types
                           mreg = "logistic",
```

```

yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
## Additional specification
interaction = TRUE,
casecontrol = FALSE)
coef(summary(regmedint_obj))

```

confint.regmedint *Confidence intervals for mediation parameter estimates.*

Description

Construct Wald approximate confidence intervals for the quantities of interest.

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
confint(
  object,
  parm = NULL,
  level = 0.95,
  a0 = NULL,
  a1 = NULL,
  m_cde = NULL,
  c_cond = NULL,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

object	An object of the regmedint class.
parm	For compatibility with generic. Ignored.
level	A numeric vector of length one. Requested confidence level. Defaults to 0.95.
a0	A numeric vector of length one.
a1	A numeric vector of length one.
m_cde	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to regmedint will be used. Only the CDE is affected.
c_cond	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
...	For compatibility with generic.

Value

A numeric matrix of the lower limit and upper limit.

Examples

```

library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

confint(regmedint_obj)
## Evaluate at different values
confint(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)
## Change confidence level
confint(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1, level = 0.99)

```

fit_mreg

Fit a model for the mediator given the treatment and covariates.

Description

`lm` is called if `mreg = "linear"`. `glm` is called with `family = binomial()` if `mreg = "logistic"`.

Usage

```
fit_mreg(mreg, data, avar, mvar, cvar)
```

Arguments

<code>mreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
<code>data</code>	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
<code>mvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
<code>cvar</code>	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>mvar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .

Value

A regression object of class `lm` (linear) or `glm` (logistic)

<code>fit_yreg</code>	<i>Fit a model for the outcome given the treatment, mediator, and covariates.</i>
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Description

The outcome model type `yreg` can be one of the following `"linear"`, `"logistic"`, `"loglinear"` (implemented as modified Poisson), `"poisson"`, `"negbin"`, `"survCox"`, `"survAFT_exp"`, or `"survAFT_weibull"`.

Usage

```
fit_yreg(yreg, data, yvar, avar, mvar, cvar, eventvar, interaction)
```

Arguments

<code>yreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: <code>"linear"</code> , <code>"logistic"</code> , <code>"loglinear"</code> , <code>"poisson"</code> , <code>"negbin"</code> , <code>"survCox"</code> , <code>"survAFT_exp"</code> , or <code>"survAFT_weibull"</code> .
<code>data</code>	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
<code>yvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome variable name. It should be the time variable for survival outcomes.
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
<code>mvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
<code>cvar</code>	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use <code>NULL</code> if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>mvar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .
<code>eventvar</code>	An character vector of length 1. Only required for survival outcome regression models. Note that the coding is 1 for event and 0 for censoring, following the R survival package convention.
<code>interaction</code>	A logical vector of length 1. Default to <code>TRUE</code> . Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

Details

The outcome regression functions to be called are the following:

- `"linear"` `lm`
- `"logistic"` `glm`
- `"loglinear"` `glm` (modified Poisson)
- `"poisson"` `glm`
- `"negbin"` `glm.nb`
- `"survCox"` `coxph`
- `"survAFT_exp"` `survreg`
- `"survAFT_weibull"` `survreg`

Value

Model fit object from on of the above regression functions.

`grad_prop_med_yreg_linear`

Calculate the gradient of the proportion mediated for yreg linear.

Description

Calculate the gradient of the proportion mediated for yreg linear case.

Usage

`grad_prop_med_yreg_linear(pnde, tnie)`

Arguments

`pnde` A numeric vector of length one. Pure natural direct effect.
`tnie` A numeric vector of length one. Total natural indirect effect.

Value

A numeric vector of length two. Gradient of the proportion mediated with respect to `pnde` and `tnie`.

`grad_prop_med_yreg_logistic`

Calculate the gradient of the proportion mediated for yreg logistic.

Description

Calculate the gradient of the proportion mediated for yreg logistic case.

Usage

`grad_prop_med_yreg_logistic(pnde, tnie)`

Arguments

`pnde` A numeric vector of length one. Pure natural direct effect.
`tnie` A numeric vector of length one. Total natural indirect effect.

Value

A numeric vector of length two. Gradient of the proportion mediated with respect to `pnde` and `tnie`.

 new_regmedint

Low level constructor for a regmedint S3 class object.

Description

This is not a user function and meant to be executed within the regmedint function after validating the arguments.

Usage

```
new_regmedint(
  data,
  yvar,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  eventvar,
  a0,
  a1,
  m_cde,
  c_cond,
  yreg,
  mreg,
  interaction,
  casecontrol
)
```

Arguments

data	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
yvar	A character vector of length 1. Outcome variable name. It should be the time variable for survival outcomes.
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between mvar and yvar.
eventvar	An character vector of length 1. Only required for survival outcome regression models. Note that the coding is 1 for event and 0 for censoring, following the R survival package convention.
a0	A numeric vector of length 1. Reference level of treatment variable that is considered "untreated" or "unexposed".
a1	A numeric vector of length 1.

m_cde	A numeric vector of length 1. Mediator level at which controlled direct effect is evaluated at.
c_cond	A numeric vector of the same length as cvar. Covariate vector at which conditional effects are evaluated at.
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.
casecontrol	A logical vector of length 1. Default to FALSE. Whether data comes from a case-control study.

Value

A regmedint object.

print.regmedint	<i>print method for regmedint object</i>
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Description

Print the mreg_fit, yreg_fit, and the mediation analysis effect estimates.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
print(
  x,
  a0 = NULL,
  a1 = NULL,
  m_cde = NULL,
  c_cond = NULL,
  args_mreg_fit = list(),
  args_yreg_fit = list(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	An object of the regmedint class.
a0	A numeric vector of length one.
a1	A numeric vector of length one.
m_cde	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to regmedint will be used. Only the CDE is affected.

<code>c_cond</code>	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
<code>args_mreg_fit</code>	A named list of argument to be passed to the method for the <code>mreg_fit</code> object.
<code>args_yreg_fit</code>	A named list of argument to be passed to the method for the <code>mreg_fit</code> object.
<code>...</code>	For compatibility with the generic. Ignored.

Value

Invisibly return the `regmedint` class object as is.

Examples

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

## Implicit printing
regmedint_obj
## Explicit printing
print(regmedint_obj)
## Evaluate at different values
print(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)
```

```
print.summary_regmedint
```

Print method for summary objects from [summary.regmedint](#)

Description

Print results contained in a `summary_regmedint` object with additional explanation regarding the evaluation settings.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary_regmedint'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x` An object of the class `summary_regmedint`.
`...` For compatibility with the generic function.

Value

Invisibly return the first argument.

Examples

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

## Implicit printing
summary(regmedint_obj)
## Explicit printing
print(summary(regmedint_obj))
```

`prop_med_yreg_linear` *Calculate the proportion mediated for yreg linear.*

Description

Calculate the proportion mediated on the mean difference scale.

Usage

```
prop_med_yreg_linear(pnde, tnie)
```

Arguments

pnde	Pure natural direct effect.
tnie	Total natural indirect effect.

Value

Proportion mediated value.

```
prop_med_yreg_logistic
```

Calculate the proportion mediated for yreg logistic.

Description

Calculate the approximate proportion mediated on the risk difference scale.

Usage

```
prop_med_yreg_logistic(pnde, tnie)
```

Arguments

pnde	Pure natural direct effect on the log scale.
tnie	Total natural indirect effect on the log scale.

Value

Proportion mediated value.

 regmedint

regmedint: A package for regression-based causal mediation analysis

Description

The package is a simple R implementation of the SAS macro as described in Valeri & VanderWeele 2013 and Valeri & VanderWeele 2015 <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/tyler-vanderweele/tools-and-tutorials/>.

This is a user-interface for regression-based causal mediation analysis as described in Valeri & VanderWeele 2013 and Valeri & VanderWeele 2015.

Usage

```
regmedint(
  data,
  yvar,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  eventvar = NULL,
  a0,
  a1,
  m_cde,
  c_cond,
  mreg,
  yreg,
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE,
  na_omit = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
yvar	A character vector of length 1. Outcome variable name. It should be the time variable for survival outcomes.
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between mvar and yvar.
eventvar	An character vector of length 1. Only required for survival outcome regression models. Note that the coding is 1 for event and 0 for censoring, following the R survival package convention.

a0	A numeric vector of length 1. Reference level of treatment variable that is considered "untreated" or "unexposed".
a1	A numeric vector of length 1.
m_cde	A numeric vector of length 1. Mediator level at which controlled direct effect is evaluated at.
c_cond	A numeric vector of the same length as cvar. Covariate vector at which conditional effects are evaluated at.
mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.
casecontrol	A logical vector of length 1. Default to FALSE. Whether data comes from a case-control study.
na_omit	A logical vector of length 1. Default to FALSE. Whether to use na.omit() function in stats package to remove NAs in columns of interest before fitting the models.

Value

regmedint object, which is a list containing the mediator regression object, the outcome regression object, and the regression-based mediation results.

Fitting models

Use the regmedint function to fit models and set up regression-based causal mediation analysis.

Examining results

Several methods are available to examine the regmedint object. print summary coef confint FIXME: Document once implemented.

Examples

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
```

```

## Model types
mreg = "logistic",
yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
## Additional specification
interaction = TRUE,
casecontrol = FALSE)

summary(regmedint_obj)

```

report_missing	<i>Report variables with missing data</i>
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Description

Report the number of missing observations for each variables of interest relevant for the analysis

Usage

```
report_missing(data, yvar, avar, mvar, cvar, eventvar)
```

Arguments

data	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
yvar	A character vector of length 1. Outcome variable name. It should be the time variable for survival outcomes.
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between mvar and yvar.
eventvar	An character vector of length 1. Only required for survival outcome regression models. Note that the coding is 1 for event and 0 for censoring, following the R survival package convention.

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

summary.regmedint *summary method for regmedint object*

Description

Summarize the `mreg_fit`, `yreg_fit`, and the mediation analysis effect estimates.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
summary(
  object,
  a0 = NULL,
  a1 = NULL,
  m_cde = NULL,
  c_cond = NULL,
  args_mreg_fit = list(),
  args_yreg_fit = list(),
  exponentiate = FALSE,
  level = 0.95,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of the <code>regmedint</code> class.
<code>a0</code>	A numeric vector of length one.
<code>a1</code>	A numeric vector of length one.
<code>m_cde</code>	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to <code>regmedint</code> will be used. Only the CDE is affected.
<code>c_cond</code>	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
<code>args_mreg_fit</code>	A named list of argument to be passed to the method for the <code>mreg_fit</code> object.
<code>args_yreg_fit</code>	A named list of argument to be passed to the method for the <code>yreg_fit</code> object.
<code>exponentiate</code>	Whether to add exponentiated point and confidence limit estimates. When <code>yreg = "linear"</code> , it is ignored.
<code>level</code>	Confidence level for the confidence intervals.
<code>...</code>	For compatibility with the generic. Ignored.

Value

A `summary_regmedint` object, which is a list containing the summary objects of the `mreg_fit` and the `yreg_fit` as well as the mediation analysis results.

Examples

```

library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

## Detailed result with summary
summary(regmedint_obj)
## Add exponentiate results for non-linear outcome models
summary(regmedint_obj, exponentiate = TRUE)
## Evaluate at different values
summary(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)
## Change confidence level
summary(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1, level = 0.99)

```

```
summary.regmedint_mod_poisson
```

Summary with robust sandwich variance estimator for modified Poisson

Description

This is a version of `summary.glm` modified to use the robust variance estimator `sandwich`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint_mod_poisson'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	A model object of the class <code>regmedint_mod_poisson</code>
<code>...</code>	For compatibility with the generic.

Value

An object of the class `summary.glm`

theta_hat	<i>Create a vector of coefficients from the outcome model (yreg)</i>
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Description

This function extracts `coef` from `yreg_fit` and pads with zeros appropriately to create a named vector consistently having the following elements: (Intercept): A zero element is added for `yreg = "survCox"` for which no intercept is estimated (the baseline hazard is left unspecified). `avar` `mvar` `avar:mvar`: A zero element is added when `interaction = FALSE`. `cvar`: This part is eliminated when `cvar = NULL`.

Usage

```
theta_hat(yreg, yreg_fit, avar, mvar, cvar, interaction)
```

Arguments

<code>yreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
<code>yreg_fit</code>	Model fit object for <code>yreg</code> (outcome model).
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
<code>mvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
<code>cvar</code>	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>mvar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .
<code>interaction</code>	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

Value

A named numeric vector of coefficients.

 validate_args

Validate arguments to regmedint before passing to other functions

Description

Internal functions (usually) do not validate arguments, thus, we need to make sure informative errors are raised when the arguments are not safe for subsequent computation.

Usage

```
validate_args(
  data,
  yvar,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  eventvar,
  a0,
  a1,
  m_cde,
  c_cond,
  mreg,
  yreg,
  interaction,
  casecontrol
)
```

Arguments

data	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
yvar	A character vector of length 1. Outcome variable name. It should be the time variable for survival outcomes.
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between mvar and yvar.
eventvar	An character vector of length 1. Only required for survival outcome regression models. Note that the coding is 1 for event and 0 for censoring, following the R survival package convention.
a0	A numeric vector of length 1. Reference level of treatment variable that is considered "untreated" or "unexposed".
a1	A numeric vector of length 1.

m_cde	A numeric vector of length 1. Mediator level at which controlled direct effect is evaluated at.
c_cond	A numeric vector of the same length as cvar. Covariate vector at which conditional effects are evaluated at.
mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.
casecontrol	A logical vector of length 1. Default to FALSE. Whether data comes from a case-control study.

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

validate_regmedint *Validate soundness of a regmedint object.*

Description

Check the structure of a proposed regmedint object for soundness.

Usage

```
validate_regmedint(x)
```

Arguments

x A regmedint object.

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

vcov.regmedint *Extract variance estimates in the vcov form.*

Description

Extract variance estimates evaluated at a_0 , a_1 , m_cde , and c_cond .

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
vcov(object, a0 = NULL, a1 = NULL, m_cde = NULL, c_cond = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object of the <code>regmedint</code> class.
a_0	A numeric vector of length one.
a_1	A numeric vector of length one.
m_cde	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to <code>regmedint</code> will be used. Only the CDE is affected.
c_cond	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
...	For compatibility with the generic. Ignored.

Value

A numeric matrix with the diagonals populated with variance estimates. Off-diagonals are NA since these are not estimated.

Examples

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
```

```

                                mreg = "logistic",
                                yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
                                ## Additional specification
                                interaction = TRUE,
                                casecontrol = FALSE)
vcov(regmedint_obj)
## Evaluate at different values
vcov(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)

```

```
vcov.regmedint_mod_poisson
```

Robust sandwich variance estimator for modified Poisson

Description

Provide robust sandwich variance-covariance estimate using [sandwich](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint_mod_poisson'
vcov(object, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	A model object of the class <code>regmedint_mod_poisson</code>
<code>...</code>	For compatibility with the generic.

Value

A variance-covariance matrix using the [sandwich](#).

```
vv2015
```

Example dataset from Valeri and VanderWeele 2015.

Description

An example dataset from Valeri and VanderWeele (2015) <doi:10.1097/EDE.000000000000253>.

Usage

```
vv2015
```

Format

A tibble with 100 rows and 7 variables:

id Positive integer id.

x Binary treatment assignment variable.

m Binary mediator variable.

y Time to event outcome variable.

cens Binary censoring indicator. Censored is 1.

c Continuous confounder variable.

event Binary event indicator. Event is 1.

Source

<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/tyler-vanderweele/tools-and-tutorials/>

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